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EVENT NOTIFICATION CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated April 20, 2006 (“Final Office Action”), in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §103) by over cited art and Official Notice. Applicants have amended the claims to correct minor errors, informalities, and an antecedent basis issue. Applicants request the Examiner to enter these amendments to place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.